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And Illumination System Having This Coupling Element

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AMENDMENT A

Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, please make the following amendments.